AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Committee for examining the measures needed to check pollution from vehicles in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the names of the members of the committee and the terms of reference in respect thereof?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Tardy dam catchment reforestation at Narmada

*151. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been concern at the Tardy Dam catchment reforestation at Narmada and if so, the corrective steps proposed in this regard; and

(b) whether Government propose to arrange a high powered meeting of various interest groups including Baba Amte to fill an amicable solution to this gigantic problem?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Action Plans for the phased catchment area treatment and the compensatory afforestation for the Sardar Sarovar Project have been drawn up. About 5400 ha. of the forest and non-forest land from the catchment area has already been treated.

(b) Shri Baba Amte was invited for discussion at Delhi on 23rd January, 1991, in the context of resettlement of project-affected persons and the measures for environmental improvement in the Narmada basin. But he turned down the invitation.

"Non-observance of environment norms by the sugar mills in U.P. and Maharashtra"

*152. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some sugar mills in U.P. and Maharashtra are not observing environment norms;

(b) whether non-observance of these norms has polluted the environment around these sugar mills;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take any action against these sugar mills; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) According to the available information, in Uttar Pradesh out of 105 sugar mills, 47 units have installed effiuent treatment plants (ETP's), 29 units have either partial ETP's or their ETPs are under construction, and the remaining 24 units have no ETPs. In Maharashtra, out of 95 sugar mills, 29 have installed ETPs, 2 units have partial ETP facilities and the remaiing 4 units have no ETP.

(b) The Government have received complaints about odour nuisance from persons living around sugar mills.

(c) and (d) A time bound action plan for control of pollution has been prepared in consultation with the State Governments under which polluting units are required to meet the standards by December 31, 1991.

चकमा शरणार्थियों की स्वदेश वापसी

*153. श्री बलराम सिंह यादव :
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बंगलादेश में बदली हुई राजनैतिक परिस्थिति को देखते हुये, भारत में रह रहे चकमा शरणार्थियों ने स्वदेश लौटने की इच्छा व्यक्त की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में बंगलादेश सरकार के साथ परामर्श करके इन्हें बंगलादेश भेजने की व्यवस्था की है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (ख) का उत्तर "ना" में है तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और इन शरणार्थियों को स्वदेश भेजने के बारे में भावी योजनायें क्या हैं ?

प्रधान मंत्री (श्री चन्द्रशेखर): (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(घ) सरकार चाहती है कि ये चकमा शरणार्थी स्वेच्छा से यथाशीघ्र अपने घरों को लौट जायें । तथापि, यह काम बंगलादेश की सरकार का है कि वह ऐसी स्थितियां पैदा करे जिनसे इन शरणार्थियों के मन में बंगलादेश में अपने घरों को लौटने का विश्वास बने । सरकार इस दिशा में बंगलादेश की सरकार पर बराबर जोर दे रही है ।

Prime Minister's visit to Nepal

*154. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had visited Nepal on 13th February, 1991;

(b) if so, the purpose of the visit;

(c) the nature of the talks held between the Indian Prime Minister and Nepal's Leaders and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether any agreement has since been signed during the visit and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of disputes still pending between the two countries; and

(f) to what extent the relations between the two countries have improved?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To discuss bilateral and international issues of mutual interest and to decide on future steps to intensify bilateral cooperation.

(c) to (f) The talks between the Indian Prime Minister and the Nepalese leaders covered the entire range of bilateral, regional and international issues of interest to the two countries. No specific agreement was signed during the visit. However, there was an agreement on a number of steps necessary for intensifying mutually beneficial bilateral cooperation between the two countries. In the field of water resources, it was agreed that extensive consultations would take place on the major projects — Kosi. Karnali and Pancheshwar — culminating in a comprehensive review by the Indo-Nepal Sub-Commission on Water Resources in mid-April 1991. India agreed to expand the facilities of the Indian aided project, Bir Hospital, from 300 to 500 beds. We also agreed to undertake the renovation and repairs of the Jayanagar/Janakpur/Bizalpura railway line. We further agreed to open three more border points for transit of third country nationals as desired by Nepal. A significant decision taken during the visit was the establishment of a High Level Task Force to prepare a comprehensive programme for bilateral economic cooperation before the end of June 1991. It is hoped that the implementation of these measures would lead to further strengthening and consolidation of the extremely close relations that already exist between India and Nepal.

Talks with the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister

*155. KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the outcome of the talks held with the Soviet Deputy Foreign